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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-16. Cancelled.

17. (Previously Presented) A method of linking a first digital image capturing device to one or more other digital image capturing devices, comprising the steps of:

obtaining a first digital image capturing device capable of sending and receiving data items over a bi-directional link cable, said first digital image capturing device comprising a first I/O port;

obtaining a second digital image capturing device capable of sending and receiving data items over a bi-directional link cable, said second digital image capturing device comprising a second I/O port;

obtaining a bi-directional link cable having a first end and a second end;

connecting the first end of the cable to the first I/O port;

connecting the second end of the cable to the second I/O port;

using the first digital image capturing device to capture an image;

transmitting a real time view of the image from the first digital image capturing device to the second digital image capturing device over the bi-directional link cable, which directly connects the first digital image capturing device to the second digital image capturing device;

while transmitting the real time view, also transmitting to the second device from the first device a pointer overlay, wherein pointer overlay and the real time view of the image are displayed simultaneously on a display screen of the second device such that the pointer overlay overlays the real time view of the image; and

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enabling the user to move the pointer within the display screen of the second device by manipulating a control on the first device.

18-20. Cancelled.

21. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of sharing image information.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the first and/or the second digital image capturing device is capable of operating as a pseudo host.

23. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising the steps of:
detecting a connection of a bi-directional link cable in said digital image capturing device;

accepting a master or slave input that determines whether said digital image capturing device is a master or a slave;

accepting an image selection of a first data item to be sent to a connected slave digital image capturing device if said digital image capturing device is a master;

transmitting said first data item to said connected slave digital image capturing device if said digital image capturing device is a master;

accepting a second data item from a connected master digital image capturing device if said digital image capturing device is a slave; and

displaying said second data item on said digital image capturing device if said digital image capturing device is a slave.

24-28. Cancelled.